

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM**

December 14, 2005

Chairman Dever, members of the committee, I am Maggie Anderson, Director of Medical Services for the Department of Human Services. I appear before you to provide testimony regarding the status of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Working Group.

The PDMP Working Group originally met on August 24, 2005. This initial meeting was generally an educational meeting for members of the group. Two members volunteered to serve as chair and vice-chair for the group, and it was agreed that the chair (Harvey Hanel), vice-chair (Howard Anderson, Jr.), the Medicaid pharmacy administrator (Brendan Joyce), and a representative of the N.D. Medical Association (Dave Peske) would work together to complete the grant application for review at the next meeting, which was scheduled for December .

The second meeting was held on December 5, 2005. The four individuals previously mentioned worked together once grant details were released in early November and prepared the grant narrative for presentation to the group at the meeting. The PDMP Working Group members made suggestions to enhance the grant application and changes were made prior to submission of the grant materials. The grant application was submitted on December 8, 2005, and it is anticipated that a grant announcement will be made sometime after July 2006.

The PDMP Working Group plans to meet periodically to complete activities as outlined in HB 1459. If the grant application notification date holds, rules will be promulgated with a planned implementation date of January 2007.

I would be happy to address any questions that you may have. In addition, Brendan Joyce, Howard Anderson, and Harvey Hanel are available for questions.